

CLAIMS

1. A draining device, comprising:

a threaded portion depending outwardly from an annular portion,
 said threaded portion having an inner opening in fluid communication with a
 pair of openings in said annular portion, said threaded portion being
 5 configured for meshingly engaging an opening in a housing, said annular
 portion extending outwardly from said threaded portion to define a shoulder
 portion, said shoulder portion contacting said housing when said threaded
 portion is meshingly engaged in said opening, said pair of openings
 providing a pathway for fluid to pass from said housing.

2. A unidirectional draining device, comprising:

an annular portion having a pair of side openings, said side
 openings being in fluid communication with an inner opening of a
 threaded portion of said draining device, said threaded portion being
 5 received and engaged by an opening in a housing of an electric storage
 medium, said housing been ventilated by an HVAC system in partial fluid
 communication with ambient air.

3. A draining device, comprising:

a plug member having a threaded portion, an annular member and
 a head portion, said annular member being disposed between said head
 portion and said threaded portion; and

5 an elongated opening disposed within said threaded portion, said
 elongated opening being in fluid communication with a pair of openings in
 said annular member.

4. The draining device as in claim 3, wherein said threaded portion of said plug member is configured to be received and engaged in an opening in a housing of an electrical storage medium.

5. The draining device as in claim 4, wherein said housing of said electrical storage medium is configured for use in a vehicle.

6. The draining device as in claim 3, wherein said elongated opening is orthogonally positioned with respect to said pair of openings.

7. The draining device as in claim 6, wherein said pair of openings are positioned 180 degrees from each other.

8. The draining device as in claim 3, wherein said pair of openings are positioned 180 degrees from each other.

9. The draining device as in claim 3, wherein said head portion extends outwardly from said annular member.

10. The draining device as in claim 8, wherein said head portion extends outwardly from said annular member.

11. The draining device as in claim 9, wherein said plug member is molded out of polystyrene.

12. The draining device as in claim 9, wherein said threaded portion of said plug member is configured to be received and engaged in an opening in a housing of an electrical storage medium and said housing is configured to have a wall member surrounding said opening and defining a

- 5 receiving area for receiving said annular member and said head portion of said plug member.

13. The draining device as in claim 12, wherein the diameter of said head portion is slightly smaller than said receiving area.

14. The draining device as in claim 3, wherein said threaded portion of said plug member is configured to be received and engaged in an opening in a housing of an electrical storage medium and said housing is configured to have a wall member surrounding said opening and defining a

- 5 receiving area for receiving said annular member and said head portion of said plug member.

15. A housing for an electric storage medium of a vehicle, comprising:

a plurality of openings in a lower surface of said housing;

a plurality of plug members each having a threaded portion, an

- 5 annular member and a head portion, said annular member being disposed between said head portion and said threaded portion, said threaded portion being configured to be received and engaged in one of said plurality of openings; and

an elongated opening disposed within said threaded portion, said

- 10 elongated opening being in fluid communication with a pair of openings in said annular member.

16. The housing as in claim 15, further comprising:

a plurality of retaining walls being configured to surround said plurality of openings, said plurality of retaining walls defining a plurality of receiving areas adjacent to said plurality of openings, said plurality of

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